

SENATE WATCH

A summary of today's Senate actions; published daily when the Senate is in session.

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MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

SB 395 (McManus)

This bill defines when a fetus becomes a life and therefore protected as a person. The act would consider a fetus born if any anatomical part of the fetus was vaginally delivered outside of the mother's body.

• SB 395 was passed for the day.

FINAL PASSAGE

SB 50 (JACOBS)

The bill would create a new act to require that health clubs have on the premises at all times both an automated external defibrillator (AED) and at least one employee who was certified in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), as well as develop and implement emergency plans, or face civil penalties.

Support: Department of Community Health, Department of Consumer and Industry Services, YMCA, American Heart Association, American Red Cross.

Opposed: Fitness USA.

• SB 50 passed [RC 122: 38 yes, 0 no].

SB 179 (Hammerstrom)

Senate Bill 179 is a bill to require school boards or board of directors of a public school academy to require a person employed as a coach of an interscholastic athletic activity to hold a valid certification in sports safety training (including CPR training, first aid training, injury prevention). This requirement would not apply to those who are already employed as coaches.

Support: Michigan Education Association (MEA), Michigan Federation of Teachers (border-line), Department of Community Health, The American Red Cross.

Opposed: Michigan Association of School Boards.

• SB 179 passed [RC 123:37 yes, 1 no (Kuipers)].

SB 461 (Cropsey)

The bill would increase from \$43,000 to \$45,724 the additional annual salary that a part-time probate judge may receive from the county, beyond his or her \$20,000 salary; and allow a part-time probate judge to receive another additional salary, for total compensation of up to 85% of the salary of a Justice of the Supreme Court.

Currently, the first probate court district consists of Baraga, Houghton, and Keweenaw counties. This bill would also allow the counties to decide if the structure should stay the same or change to Houghton and Baraga or Houghton and Keweenaw counties.

• SB 461 passed [RC 126: yes, no].

HB 4038 (Rocca)

House Bill 4038 requires new teachers hold a valid cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification.

Support: Michigan Education Association, American Heart Association, American Red Cross, Michigan Federation of Teachers.

• HB 4038 passed with IE [RC 124: 36 yes, 2 no (Cassis, Kuipers)].

HB 4115 (ADAMINI)

House Bill 4115 would designate a section of M-28 between Ishpeming and Wakefield in the Upper Peninsula as the "Veterans Memorial Highway."

• HB 4115 passed with IE [RC 125:38 yes, 0 no].

HB 4432 (Julian)

The bill would amend the Insurance Code to permit a commercial fire insurance policy to exclude coverage for loss by fire damage caused directly or indirectly by terrorism.

Support: Insurance Institute of Michigan, Farmers Insurance, American Alliance of Insurers, Michigan Insurance Coalition.

• HB 4432 passed with IE [RC 127: 36 yes, 2 no].

THIRD READING

HB 4238 (RIVET)

This bill would increase the current property damage amount requiring a traffic accident report from \$400 to \$1,000.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- HB 4238 was moved to 3rd Reading.